freighter services. The current cargo capacity of Air-India are as under:—

	(*Tonnes*)
India—USA	153.8 per week
India—U.K.	87.0 per week
India—Europe	233.7 per week
India—Far East	76.1 per week

Upgradation of railway stations in Rajasthan

*271. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of railway stations in Rajasthan selected for upgradation during the current Five Year Plan period, district-wise; and

(b) what is the number of new railway stations proposed to be set up in Rajasthan during the current plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The following five stations selected to be developed as model stations fall in Rajasthan. The districts in which they are located have been indicated in each case.

Name of station	District
Bikaner	Bikaner
Jodhpur	Jodhpur
Jaipur	Jaipur
Bharatpur	Bharatpur
Ajmer	Ajmer

(b) 25 (17 regular stations and 8 halt-stations).

Fatal cases due to respiratory Diseases caused by Tobacco, Pan, Betelnut and Smoking

*272. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the Washington based World Watch Institute, between 2 to 2.5 million people in the world die every year because of smoking; and if so, how many of these deaths take place in India;

(b) what are the diseases commonly associated with cigarette smoking and what is the excess mortality rate among smokers (over and above the normal national mortality rate);

(c) whether as per WHO report smoking is on the increase specially where poverty and illiteracy is so acute as in India necessitating a strong programme for education;

(d) whether any strategies have been worked out in consultation with the WHO and other progressive countries, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government propose to introduce a legislation to prohibit smoking in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (e) The Government is aware of the report of the Washington based World Watch Institute. It is estimated that between 0.6 to 1 million deaths every year are attributable to smoking and other tobacco products in India.

The diseases commonly associated with cigarette smoking are chronic bronchitis, emphysema (causing severe breathlessness), oral cancers, cancers of throat, gullet (Oesophagus) and lungs. The information regarding the excess mortality rate among smokers above the normal national mortality rate is not available.

The World Health Assembly resolution called for a global public health approach